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Senator Robertson:

I am writing this letter in full support of Senate Bills 21 and 22 due to be heard in committee on Wednesday, October 23, 2013. I am very pleased to see these bills moved forward after years of delay and applaud the tenacity of the two senators who did so much to help this along. I can speak for myself as well as many fellow advocates of urban development with the adaptive use of older and historic buildings. We are hoping this legislation will provide each DDA, as well as others, with the ability to seek out the viability of these properties and consider rehabilitation before demolition based upon good sound economic drivers.

Also, 21 and 22 will insure that the MISHPO will have the ability to do the work that they do best and each community in the state relies on them doing. If, once this legislation is in place, any DDA circumvents this process the penalty will allow for another project in that community to benefit. Over time we expect to see these violations decrease or stop.

Thank you for allowing me the time to be heard even though I cannot be there in person.

Respectfully,

Karen Nagher

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